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WATERLOO VILLA,
HALIFAX,

1st June, 1926.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILLORS OF THE
SOUTHOWRAM URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you for your consideration my Report for the year 1925 on matters relating to the health and sanitary conditions of Southowram.

The Sanitary Inspector's Report is appended.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

PERCY MILNES.



GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (acres) 1,821.

Population 2,699.

Total number of Deaths 36, Males 20, Females 16. This is a decrease of 2 on the previous year.

The Death Rate per thousand in 1925 was 13·31 compared with 14·14 in 1924.

The number of Births in 1925 was 52. Males 26, Females 26, included in this is one illegitimate male child.

The Birth Rate per thousand in 1925 was 19·26 against 20·1 in 1924.

The Births exceeded the Deaths in 1925 by 16, the same figures as in 1924.

The actual increase in the population during the year however was 13.

The following is a detailed list of the causes of deaths in 1925 :

	CAUSES OF DEATH.	MALES	FEMALES
1	Influenza		1
2	Cancer	2	3
3	Cerebral Hæmmorrhage, etc.	2	2
4	Heart Disease	1	
5	Arteriosclerosis		1
6	Bronchitis	2	3
7	Pneumonia	3	
8	Other Respiratory Diseases	2	
9	Ulcer of Stomach		1
10	Congenital Debility, etc.	2	1
11	Other Defined Diseases	2	2
	Deaths of Infants under 1 year	3	2
	Illegitimate	1	

Of the above causes of death it will be noticed that Phthisis is not included. Further more no case of Phthisis has been notified during the year.

There was a drop in the notifications of Scarlet Fever in 1925 ; the number being 6 less than in 1924.

The general health of the district during the year was good there having been very little Influenza while the infectious diseases, including Measles, have presented comparatively few cases and these of a mild nature.

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.	MALES	FEMALES
Scarlet Fever	2	6
Phthisis	Nil	Nil

Birth-rate, Death-rate, and Analysis of Mortality during the Year 1925.

(Provisional figures. The rates for England and Wales have been calculated on a population estimated to the middle of 1925, while those for the towns have been calculated on populations estimated to the middle of 1924. The mortality rates refer to the whole population as regards England and Wales, but only to civilians as regards London and the groups of towns.)

	BIRTH- RATE PER 1000 TOTAL POPULA- TION.	ANNUAL DEATH RATE PER 1000 POPULATION.									RATE PER 1,000 BIRTHS.		PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL DEATHS.		
		All Causes	Enteric Fever	Small-Pox	Measles	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Diphtheria	Influenza	Violence	Diarrhoea, and Enteritis (under 2 Years)	Total Deaths (under 1 Year)	Causes of Death certified by Medical Practitioners	Inquest Cases.	Uncertified Causes of Death.
England and Wales ..	18·3	12·2	0·01	0·00	0·13	0·03	0·15	0·07	0·32	0·47	8·4	75	92·1	6·9	1·0
105 County Boroughs and Great Towns including London.	18·8	12·2	0·01	0·00	0·17	0·03	0·18	0·09	0·30	0·43	10·8	79	92·1	7·3	0·6
157 Smaller Towns (1921 Adjusted Pop- ulations	18·3	11·2	0·01	0·00	0·15	0·02	0·14	0·06	0·31	0·38	7·6	74	93·0	5·9	1·1
20 000-50,000 ..	18·0	11·7	0·01	0·00	0·08	0·02	0·19	0·11	0·23	0·46	10·6	67	91·1	8·9	0·0
London															

TABLE C. 1925.

Southowram Urban and Sanitary District.

NUISANCE INSPECTIONS.—Total No. of Inspections made in 1925, for Nuisances only. 119.

Nuisances reported in 1925. 62.

Nuisances in hand, end of 1924. 2.

Total needing abatement. 64.

Abated during 1925. 59.

Outstanding end of 1925. 5.

Notices served, Informal. 20. Complied with. 20.

Notices served, Statutory, 2. Complied with, 2.

Total No. of Summonses or other legal proceedings, 2.

REGULATED BUILDINGS, TRADES, &c.	No. in District.	No on Register	Total No. of Inspec- tions made.	General Conditions	Legal Proceedings (if any).
Com'n Lodging Houses	0	0	0		
Houses Let in Lodgings	0	0	0		
Canal Boats ...	0	0	0		
Knackers Yards ...	0	0	0		
Tents, Vans and Sheds	2	2	4	Good	None
Offensive Trades, ... (Tripe Dresser)	1	1	17	"	"

Have the Council declared any other processes to be offensive trade? No.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.—Developments during 1925? None.

Developments still needed as to (a) Want of sewers? None.
(b) Improvement of defective sewers? None.

Sewage Disposal Works (a) any inadequacy? No. (b) any complaints. No.

Any sink wastes still needing disconnection? None.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.—No of Privies with open middens? 1. No. of Pail or Tub Closets? 196.

No. of Privies with covered middens? 164. No. of Water Closets? 147. Waste Water Closets? None.

No. of Privies re-constructed during 1925? (a) w.c.'s. 1.
(b) other. 2 Goux Tubs.

No. of *additional* Closets provided for old property in 1925?
(a) w.c.'s. None. (b) others. None.

No. of Closets constructed in 1925 for new houses (a) w.c.'s.
1. (b) other. None.

SCAVENGING.—Any change during 1925? No.

Performed by (a) Council. No. (b) Contractor. Yes.
(c) Owners or Occupiers. No.

How is refuse disposed of?—No. of loads to (a) Destructor.
None. (b) Tips, Old Quarries 500. (c) Farmers, 150.
Total annual cost £283.

Is there any inadequacy, and where? None.

Any utilization of waste material? No. If so, what? None.

WATER SUPPLY.—Any developments during 1925? None.

Restricted in any way? No. If so, No. of days? None.
Hours of day when cut off? None

Any general insufficiency, and where? No.

Any action in regard to unsatisfactory quality, and where? No.

Any new sources added? No. Any disused sources re-used? No.

MILK SUPPLY.—Are Two Registers being kept as required by Section 2 (3) of the 1922 Milk and Dairies (amendment) Act? (a) For Retailers. (b) For Cow Keepers or Wholesale Traders. Yes.

Have any Licences been granted under the Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act, 1922, to distributors of :—"Certified" milk. No. "Grade A" No. "Grade A (tuberculin tested)" No. "Grade A (pasteurised)" No.
"Pasteurised" No.

Have you had samples of Graded Milk tested? No.

Have any retailers been removed from the Register? No.

No. of samples taken by Officers of S.A. for analysis under F. & D. Acts. None. No. adulterated. None.

No. of samples taken by Officers of S.A. for bacteriological examination. None.

What arrangement for periodical Veterinary Inspection of dairy cows? Mr. Pollard, Halifax Veterinary Officer.

Any instance of disease attributed to milk in 1925? No.

No. of Milk Cows kept in District. 310.

No. of Cowkeepers in district producing and selling milk? 30.

No. Registered. 38. No. of Retail Milk Sellers who are also Cowkeepers. 23. No. who are Retailers only.

7. Total No. of Retail Milk Sellers Registered. 30.

Total No. of Cowsheds. 48. Total No. of inspections in 1925. 100.

Any Legal Action? No.

Any inspection or other action by Districts to which Milk is sent? Yes. By Halifax Veterinary Officer.

OTHER FOODS.—No. of samples (other than milk) taken by Officer of S.A. for examination under the Food and Drugs Act in 1925. None. No. adulterated. None.

Any special examination of Milk for Dirt? No.

No. of seizures of unsound food. None. Kind and quantity. None. No. of Prosecutions. None.

Any Public Abattoir? None.

No. of Slaughterhouses. None.

No. of Prosecutions (*a*) Food and Drugs. None. (*b*) Unsound Food. None. (*c*) *re* Slaughter Houses. None.

Bakehouses, No. 2. Any Underground? None. Total No. of Inspections. 4.

SCHOOLS.—No. of Schools in district. 2. No. visited by M.O.H. 2.

Action taken. None. Schools closed by M.O.H. None.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.—No. of Smoke observations taken. 42. No. of Cautions. None. Legal Notices. None. Summonses. None.

No. of Workshops. 18. No. of times each Workshop inspected. 2. Total inspections. 36.

Any Industrial Welfare Workers appointed. No.

ADOPTIVE ACTS.—Acts adopted during 1925. None.

For Rural Districts (Any Urban Powers obtained in 1925) None.

BYELAWS AND REGULATIONS.—Any relaxation of Bye-Laws under Section 24 of Housing and Town Planning Act, 1919. No.

INFECTIOUS & OTHER DISEASES.—Diseases specially prevalent in 1925? Respiratory Conditions. State months. Winter.

Any diseases specially added to notifiable list? No.

Any influences threatening the health of the District? No.

Any undue prevalence of Venereal Diseases? No.

Any prevalence of Jaundice, and at what ages? No.

HOSPITALS & OTHER INSTITUTIONS.—(a) General:
Accident. Royal Halifax Infirmary. Address. Halifax.
Children. " " " " "

(b) Local: Hospital, Cottage. None.

(c) Infectious General. Yes. Address. Brighthouse Joint Hospital. Smallpox. None.

(d) Maternity. None.

Any arrangements for nursing Puerperal Fever cases?
St. Luke's Hospital, Halifax.

(e) Clinic and Treatment Centre not provided by County Council Scheme. None.

Whether any other disease (*e.g.* Pneumonia) is treated in Infectious Diseases Hospital. No.

Any change or extension of (a) General Infectious Hospital?
No. (b) Smallpox Hospital. No.

TUBERCULOSIS.—1. Inspection of patient's home and Workshop. Yes.

2. Examination for contacts. No.

3. Is house disinfected? Yes. When? At notification and after death.

4. Leaflets, Lectures, etc., distributed. No.

5. Action *re* spitting. Advice.

6. Is sputum examined apart from Dispensary? No.

7. Any special procedure adopted in cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis with T.B. in sputum. Advice.

8. Are the requirements of Tuberculosis Regulations as to notification observed by general practitioners? Yes.

BACTERIOLOGY.—(County Laboratory). Any suggestions? No.

INFANT MORTALITY.—Any suggestions? No.

Any Voluntary Centres for Child or Mother Welfare? No.

Causes of any excessive Infant Mortality in 1925? None.

Supply of Milk to Mothers and Infants. Any action? No.

VITAL STATISTICS.—Births during 1925 : Males 26. Females 26. Total 52.

No. of illegitimate included in the above. 1. No. of Still Births (not included). None.

Deaths during 1925 : (1) Gross Deaths, *i.e.*, Total actually registered in the District *without any correction*. 36.

(2) Nett Deaths on which the rates are calculated : Males. 20. Females. 16.

No. of uncertified deaths (included above). None.

MORTUARIES What accommodation—(a) for accidents. None.

(b) For infectious cases other than at hospital. None.

(c) For other purposes. None.

Any suggestions by M.O.H. None.

SANITARY STAFF.—What is the present Annual Salary of M.O.H.? £25.

Name of Sanitary Inspector : H. Walmsley. Annual Salary as Inspector : £95. Other appointments held. Sanitary Inspector, Shelf U.D.C. Salary : £95.

Any Assistants? No.

Is Staff sufficient? Yes.

Does M.O.H. receive copies of Memos. and Circulars distributed by Ministry of Health? Yes.

CLINICS. Any Suggestions—

(a) Tuberculosis. Clinic at Brighthouse.

(b) Venereal Diseases.—How advertised and if any difficulty in reaching nearest. No. Lock Ward, Royal Infirmary, Halifax.

(c) Child Welfare. Halifax.

(d) Anti-Natal. No Clinic.

(e) School. No Clinic.

(f) Dental. No Clinic.

(g) Ophthalmic. No Clinic.

SUPPLEMENTARY REMARKS as to Sanitary requirements of District, suggestions of M.O.H. and extended notes on any of the foregoing entries.

There is no Certified Mid-Wife or District Nurse in Southowram.

P. MILNES, L.R.C.P. & S.E.,

Medical Officer of Health,

Southowram.

Yearly Report of Sanitary Inspector for the Year ending December 31st, 1925.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you for your approval a summary of the work done during the year 1925.

Number of visits to Properties are as follows :—

Property under notice	...	...	...	...	119
Works in progress	...	..	...	...	27
New Buildings	...	...	..	...	8
Sewage Works	...	...	...	...	22
Offensive Trades	...	...	...	...	17
Van Dwellings	...	...	...	..	6
Agents and Owners	...	...	...	...	54
Property after infectious diseases	...	...	...	...	7
Total	...	...	...	...	<u>260</u>

Number of outstanding Nuisances December 1924	...	2
„ „ Nuisances reported 1925	...	62
„ „ „ abated 1925	...	59
„ „ „ outstanding December 1925	...	5

Number of Privies and Ashpits in the Parish	...	164
„ „ Goux Tubs	...	196
„ „ Water Closets	...	147

Five Water Closets have been added.

One Privy Midden abolished.

Two Privy Middens converted to Goux Tub system.

Scavenging Contractor reports having cleared during nine months:

Privy Middens.	... 388	Goux Tubs	... 4098
Ashpits and Bins	1851	Cesspools	.. 2

New Houses built ... 1

Houses closed ... 2

FARMS, DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS.

Number of Cowkeepers on Register	...	..	38
„	„	who retail milk	... 23
„	„	who wholesale milk	... 7
„	„	for own use only	... 8

The farms consist of 48 Cowsheds, which have been visited periodically and the number of cows kept is about 310.

A large percentage of the farms are small holdings with accommodation from five to eight cows.

There are some good farmers who are desirous of doing their best in the matter of cleanliness, others are not so good and are under observation. No samples of milk have been taken in the district, owing to the bulk of the milk being delivered in the neighbouring towns, and samples are taken by other authorities.

Three cows have been slaughtered under the Tuberculosis Order, 1925, and two outbreaks of swine fever of a mild form have occurred.

There are no licensed slaughter houses in the district, permission has been granted and 20 pigs have been slaughtered and examined and found sound.

During the year 82 visits have been made to farms in the district.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

Blacksmiths	...	...	3	Dyeworks	...	...	2
Joinery Works	...	...	3	Sugar Boiler	...	...	1
Wheelwrights	...	...	1	Brick and Pipe Works	...	...	5
Painters	...	...	1	Textile	...	...	1
Chemical Works	...	...	1				

There is also a Tripe Boiling Establishment at Brookfoot and all have been found in a satisfactory state.

42 Smoke Observations have been taken and all have been within the limit. No notices have been served.

Seven cases of Scarlet Fever have been reported, and in each case the house has been disinfected. None of the cases have proved fatal.

Two water samples from wells have been taken. One polluted by surface water. The owner was notified and the defect remedied. Another sample was taken and the water found pure by the Analyst.

The two outstanding defects at the end of 1924 have been remedied.

Three Statutory Notices have been served and in each case have been complied with. In two cases after legal proceedings.

H. WALMSLEY, M.R.S.I.,
Sanitary Inspector.

